

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration

March 18, 2004

Joyce A. Nettke
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 27
Strasburg, PA 17579

**Re: Docket No. AB 167 (1095X), Consolidated Rail Corporation –
Abandonment Exemption – in Lancaster and Chester Counties,
Pennsylvania**

Dear Ms. Nettke:


Thank you for your February 20, 2004 letter regarding Consolidated Rail Corporation's proposed abandonment exemption in Lancaster and Chester Counties, PA. In your letter, you request that Quarryville be made a consulting party in this proceeding.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is currently conducting a review of the proposed abandonment of the Enola Branch rail line, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We are working to complete the Section 106 process and plan to issue the Final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shortly. The Final MOA will set forth measures to avoid or minimize adverse effects on historic properties resulting from the proposed abandonment.

On March 8, 2004, SEA contacted the Quarryville Borough Manager, Mr. Dan Mylin, and invited Quarryville to participate in the Section 106 process as a consulting party on the Final MOA. Accordingly, Quarryville will be included as a concurring signatory party on the Final MOA. See 36 CFR 800.6(c)(3).

We appreciate your interest in this proceeding. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 565-1606.

Sincerely,



Christa Dean
Attorney Adviser
Section of Environmental Analysis